



FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Public Law 285, 84th Congress (amending the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949), approved by the President on August 9, 1955, provides for the determination by this Commission of certain claims by nationals of the United States against Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Italy and the Soviet Union.

The advice and assistance of your Agency in the administration of the new claims program is requested, particularly with respect to Section 312 of the law which provides as follows:

"No award shall be made under this title to or for the benefit of any person who voluntarily, knowingly, and without duress, gave aid to or collaborated with or in any manner served any government hostile to the United States during World War II, or who has been convicted of a violation of any provision of Chapter 115, of title 18, of the United States Code, or of any other crime involving disloyalty to the United States."

It is not contemplated that this Commission will initiate investigations in this regard with respect to all claimants. However, I am anxious to ascertain all possible sources of information as to collaboration, disloyalty, etc., and to establish procedures for the use of such information in checking nationals as they file their claims. If your Agency has files against which the names of claimants may be checked, I would like to have suggestions as to how the matter may be handled. If you do not have files on collaboration and disloyalty, perhaps you can advise me where information on the subject can be located.

It also occurs to me that your Agency may have helpful advice as to information with respect to claimants which should be elicited by means of questions on the Commission's claims form for the purpose of facilitating checks against existing collaboration and disloyalty files.

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Accordingly, may I suggest that you assign a member of your staff to communicate with Mr. Robert A. Kennedy, Executive Director of this Commission, in regard to the whole problem I have outlined? I will be most appreciative of all advice, information and assistance which your Agency can furnish to this Commission in reference to our new claims program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Whitney Gilliland".

WHITNEY GILLILLAND
Chairman